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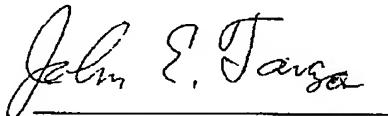
Applicants elect group I, claims 1-26 and 28-34, with traverse. Applicants have canceled claims drawn to some of the groups of claims without prejudice to the filing of a continuing or divisional application with the same claims.

Applicants agreed to the original Restriction Requirement mailed March 13, 2006. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the Re-restriction Requirement mailed July 8, 2006 is excessive for the following reasons.

Group II, at least, should be examined with Group I. As taught in examples in the specification, antisense as well as sense orientation fragments can result in the reduction in the amount of protein of interest cleaved by a hydrolase activity. The search for these aspects of the invention will overlap. For instance, both sense and anti sense genetic elements are known to be capable of inducing the phenomenon known as VIGS, or viral induced gene silencing.

If needed, Applicants petition for an extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for sufficient time to accept this response. The commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17, which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500933.

Respectfully submitted,



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